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SUBJECT: KOPKAMTIB STATEMENT ON SECURITY SITUATION  
  
REF: (A) JAKARTA 2366, (B) SURABAYA 0080

1. SUMMARY: KOPKAMTIB CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SUDOMO ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS FEBRUARY 28 THAT THE SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY (MPR) ON MARCH 11 WOULD CONSTITUTE A "QUIET WEEK" SIMILAR TO THOSE OBSERVED BEFORE GENERAL ELECTIONS, BUT NO CURFEW WOULD BE IMPOSED. ALL PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS ARE TO BE TURNED IN TO POLICE BY MARCH 9. SUDOMO SAID UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCILS MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO FUNCTION AGAIN AFTER THE MPR SESSION, AND DETAINED STUDENTS COULD RE-ENROLL AT THEIR UNIVERSITIES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RELEASE OF A NUMBER OF THEM AT THAT TIME.  
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ALL 60 STUDENTS ARRESTED FOLLOWING RECENT CLASHES WITH SECURITY FORCES IN JOGJAKARTA HAVE BEEN RELEASED, HE SAID, DENYING FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS THAT TWO STUDENTS HAD BEEN KILLED AND A NUMBER TRAMPLED BY TROOPS IN BANDUNG. SUDOMO'S STATEMENT ADDS TO THE GROWING ATMOSPHERE OF ENFORCED TRANQUILITY AS THE MPR SESSION DRAWS NEAR. END SUMMARY.

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 28, KOPKAMTIB CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SUDOMO ANNOUNCED THAT A "QUIET WEEK" WOULD BE OBSERVED DURING THE SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL SESSION OF THE MPR ON MARCH 11. NO CURFEW WOULD BE IMPOSED, HE SAID, BUT, AS IN SIMILAR PERIODS PRIOR TO GENERAL ELECTIONS, CITIZENS WERE EXPECTED TO SHOW SELF-RESTRAINT AND REFRAIN FROM ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT CAUSE SECURITY DISTURBANCES. SECURITY CHECKS WOULD ONLY BE MADE ON PERSONS ENTERING THE MPR PREMISES. (TO ENCOURAGE THIS SELF-RESTRAINT JAKARTA POLICE HAVE ORDERED ALL PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS TURNED IN TO THEM BY MARCH 9.)

3. ACCORDING TO SUDOMO, THE NOW SUSPENDED UNIVERSITY STUDENT COUNCILS MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE AGAIN AFTER THE MPR SESSION IS CONCLUDED, DEPENDING ON THE ATTITUDE OF STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERS. HE REITERATED HIS PLEDGE THAT DETAINED STUDENTS AGAINST WHOM THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE WILL BE QUICKLY TRIED AND THE OTHERS WILL BE RELEASED. SUDOMO DID NOT GIVE THE EXACT NUMBER DETAINED, SAYING THAT IT FLUCTUATED AS SOME WERE RELEASED, OTHERS WERE ARRESTED, AND SOME OF THOSE RELEASED WERE RE-ARRESTED. DETAINED STUDENTS, HE SAID, MAY RE-ENROLL AT THEIR UNIVERSITIES NOW TO FACILITATE THEIR RETURN TO CLASSES AFTER THEIR RELEASE.

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4. ASKED TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT THE RECTOR OF GAJAH MADA UNIVERSITY IN JOGJAKARTA HAD SUSPENDED CLASSES IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT CLASHES BETWEEN STUDENTS AND SECURITY FORCES ON THE CAMPUS, SUDOMO SAID RECTORS HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO TAKE MEASURES TO PRESERVE ORDER ON THEIR CAMPUSES, INCLUDING CALLING IN SECURITY FORCES WHEN NECESSARY. HE NOTED THAT THE STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENTS WERE FROM TWO ISLAMIC SCHOOLS AND NOT FROM GAJAH MADA ITSELF, ADDING THAT ALL 60 OF THE STUDENTS DETAINED IN THIS CASE HAD ALREADY BEEN RELEASED.

5. SUDOMO APPEALED TO INDONESIANS NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY RUMORS AND ILLEGAL PAMPHLETS, AND DESCRIBED AS NONSENSE FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS THAT TWO BANDUNG INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (ITB) STUDENTS HAD BEEN KILLED AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS TRAMPLED BY SECURITY FORCES. HE COMMENTED THAT TROOPS NOW GUARDING THE ITB CAMPUS WERE UNDER THE DIRECT COMMAND OF THE ITB GOVERNING RECTORIUM.

6. COMMENT: SUDOMO'S REMARKS UNDERSCORE THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENSE CONCERN WITH ASSURING THAT THE GENERAL SESSION OF THE MPR CULMINATING IN THE PRESIDENT'S RE-ELECTION IS

UNMARRED BY DISTURBANCES. GOI DETERMINATION HAS ALSO  
BEEN REFLECTED IN THE FREQUENT SPECTACLE OF SMALL CONVOYS  
OF RIOT CONTROL VEHICLES TOURING JAKARTA STREETS IN RE-  
CENT DAYS. THE ATMOSPHERE OF NON-NONSENSE DECORUM HAS  
REACHED THE POINT WHERE JAKARTA AUTHORITIES FELT COM-  
PELLED YESTERDAY TO ISSUE A PUBLIC DENIAL OF A RUMOR  
THAT ALL NIGHTCLUBS AND MASSAGE PARLORS WERE TO BE SHUT  
DOWN FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.  
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